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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (original)   A system for delivering real-time costing information, comprising:

a database adapted to store content, the content comprising:

a harmonized system (HS) module for storing information describing a

country's HS tree, the HS tree having a hierarchy of nodes in

which goods can be classified; and

a tariffs module for storing information describing tariffs applicable to

goods classified in nodes of the HS tree; and

a knowledge base in communication with the database, the knowledge base

adapted to provide an application programming interface (API) for receiving a query requesting
costing information, executing the query on the content in the database, and generating the
requested costing information in response thereto.

2. (original)   The system of claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is adapted to receive

via the API information pertaining to the query that is not known in advance and wherein the
knowledge base utilizes the received information to generate the requested costing

information.

3. (original)   The system of claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is adapted to receive via the
API information pertaining to the query that overrides content stored in the database and wherein
the knowledge base utilizes the received information to generate the requested costing
information.

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4. (original)   The system of claim 1, wherein the knowledge base comprises:

a data subscription module for initiating a transfer of content from an external

source to the database.

5. (original)   The system of claim 4, wherein the database further comprises:

a subscriber module adapted to receive one or more datapacks from the external source
responsive to the transfer initiated by the data subscription module and further adapted to apply
content in the datapacks to the knowledge base and/or database responsive to instructions in the
datapacks.

6. (original)   The system of claim 5, wherein each datapack further comprises   information
for authenticating the datapack and wherein the subscriber module is further adapted to utilize
this information to authenticate the datapack.

7. (original)   The system of claim 1, further comprising:

an applications server in communication with the knowledge base and adapted to execute
one or more applications for generating the query against the content in the database and transmit
the query to the knowledge base via the API.

8. (original)   The system of claim 7, wherein the applications server is remote from the

knowledge base and database.

9. (original)   The system of claim 7, wherein the applications server is local to the

knowledge base and database.

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16. (original) The system of claim 12, wherein the content in the database includes a compliance module for storing information related to legal compliance and wherein the knowledge workbench comprises:

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